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Re: ***Piedmont Natural Gas Co. v. Richeous Smith, et al.***
Appellate Case No. 2015-001909
Scheduling Oral Arguments

Dear Ms. Allen:

In the above-referenced matter, we received your letter and the response of Ms. Erin Culbertson regarding the scheduling of oral arguments during the June 2017 term of court. We understand that Ms. Culbertson's family vacation is planned from June 1 through June 8. In addition, counsel for Appellant is obligated to participate in a date certain trial beginning June 12, 2017, and that case is likely to take a week and a half. We understand that actions before the Court of Appeals take precedent over trials. [Rule 601, SCRAP.] However, it would be our preference to schedule oral arguments for anytime between July and the end of the year. Appellant's counsel does not have any other trials scheduled for the rest of the year, and we can be available for any time during this period. Therefore, we respectfully request that the Court consider scheduling the arguments in this case on or after July 1.

By copy of this letter, I am informing counsel for Respondents of the same.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely,

Kevin A. Dunlap

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